



Brentwood Trampoline Club

Annual Report 2012

Introduction

For the third time in as many years we find ourselves at the end of a year of trials, tribulations and trampolining without a Chairman although, whereas in 2010 when this happened it was after a long-standing Chair had finally stepped down, and in 2011 our Chair stood down due to family health problems, on this occasion we have been without a Chair for most of the year. In practical terms the Chair of the committee holds a key role in running meetings and overall governance but, fortunately, not in day-to-day operation so the club continues to operate smoothly with committee members rotating the chair at meetings. Nevertheless, under the terms of our constitution, securing a chair remains a priority and all members are asked to consider seriously whether they could consider joining us and taking on this role within the Club.



Organisationally the club has seen much change this year with several long-standing members having left in conjunction with one of our senior coaches. This departure also saw us lose access to our first ever satellite venture at Basildon Sporting Village. A further consequence was the loss of several valued committee members although others have stepped up into their places and we feel the committee is now stronger and more united than ever before. The loss of a senior coach also seemed devastating at one point but, whilst it caused a financial hiccup, it also brought with it a wealth of opportunity in the form of keen new coaches who are willing and able to help the club move forward. Together with an increasing pool of volunteers looking to move on into coaching we are very well placed for the future and are already looking at other potential satellite sites which we may be able to expand into during the coming year or two.



Undoubtedly, one of the success stories this year has been the formation of a fundraising sub-committee which has been given a high degree of freedom to operate and raise funds in as many imaginative ways as possible. Not every initiative bore fruit but all were valuable experiences and the total of nearly £1,700 raised by them was crucial at a time when our finances were at their lowest ebb. Pay-as-you-go has also continued to prove popular with up to 30 attending our Saturday sessions, many converting to full-time members, and around 12 adults turning up most Tuesdays some of whom are quite keen to compete.



Right at the top of our agenda for the last six months has been the objective of trying to build upon and raise involvement and Club spirit. We hope the Family Christmas Disco is just one way to support this goal. We shall be looking at how we approach competition attendance, support amongst all our competitors and just as importantly, the invaluable role of parental support for competitions. Additionally, we will be looking at club social events, home competitions, a new range of club clothing and branded products plus the promotional Club DVD.



BTC Committee, 20th November 2012





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Treasurer's Report



As for almost every person, 2011-12 has been a really tough year for finances and the Club has experienced rising costs for all our activities, combined with reduced external funding. In spite of this, I am pleased to report that we have managed to end the year with a tiny loss of just under £90 from 2010-11.

In previous years we were fortunate to have sufficient financial reserves to enable us to maintain membership fee's at the same levels since 2008. Unfortunately this could not last forever. It became necessary to raise fees and the new rates were introduced in April 2012. It is always the Club's goal to keep costs to members as low as possible so this minimal increase was combined with several other initiatives that were introduced with great success.

The first of these was the establishment of a fundraising team with a target of £1500 to raise during the year. They immediately rose to the challenge and have been very busy organising several events such as 'Name the Easter Bunny', the Jubilee Jump Sponsored Bounce and numerous school holiday Tramp Camp's. All their efforts have resulted in almost £1700 being raised - an excellent achievement in their first year and only possible by their hard work combined with a great response from our club members and their families. A big thank you to everyone who has supported any of the fundraising activities – look out for more of these during 2013 and thank you in advance for any support you can give to them.

We have also played host to two home competitions - a regional grading and the annual Brentwood Open. Both were very successful and are a vital extra source of income for the Club.

We also applied for and won funding for a 'Sportivate' national sporting initiative to get more young people into sport by offering a course of free sessions. Not only does this generate extra income but we also gain new club members. Sportivate is available again during 2012-13 and we plan to run a new scheme during early 2013.

Our Club assets have increased in value during the year with the purchase of two new 4x4 trampolines. Lottery funding was obtained for the majority of the costs with the Club spending just under £2000 to make up the shortfall. This was our only significant purchase during the financial year.

Brentwood County Council's Academy Club scheme contributed £250 to the Club although this amount has now dropped to £200 for 2012-13 and no further funding is expected after this.

The annual accounts have been independently audited and have been signed off as accurate and reliable. If you wish to see a copy please ask. A budget is currently being prepared for the forthcoming year and I am confident that we are on a stable financial footing for 2012-13.

*Angela Cremer
Treasurer, 20th November 2012*



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Coaching Report

As a club that focuses primarily on competition it has been good to see progression being made across the club with over three-quarters of our competitive members seeing grade progression through the year, nearly one-quarter of them now qualified two grades above where they were competing last Autumn (Eitan Robinson, Ellie Moreton, Faith Everett, Georgia Tyrrell, Maddie Merritt, Monica Dowling, Ramiyah Kendall, Tegan Roycroft & Vanessa Lewis)!

We have continued to build at regional level, and yet again we have enjoyed quality results, seeing our youngsters not only occupying podium places but advancing towards national competitive honours with several ready to join our existing members next season.

Already, there are others showing signs of hitting the targets ready to move towards Regional D, the launch pad into the National Program.

Despite some major changes within the club over the past year (as a consequence of one of our senior coaching staff departing with a number of regional & national competitors), we have increased the proportion of competitive members at National level and only seen a small reduction in the proportion competing at higher regional levels although this does afford us an excellent opportunity as new members have been joining to take up the baton.



We continue to shine at national level, and for a small club achieve remarkable results. Victoria joined us midway through last season adding to the strength at Fig B and has represented us well in domestic and international events. 6th place at nationals plus 4th place in the Dave Ward Hunt Cup was a fabulous result in a strong international field. Susanna, although moving up to Fig B has demonstrated her determination to achieve, gaining 6th place at last year's National finals, winning the National Schools and gaining 3rd place at the prestigious Loule Cup. Faith continues to progress very well and will be joining our Fig B gymnasts next season. Her highlight of the year was gaining 3rd place with Susanna in the Synchro at the Dave Ward Hunt Cup. Josh has also competed well all year with some very prestigious results culminating in two Great Britain selections plus his selection for the Youth Olympic Festival to be held in Sydney Australia in January. Lauren, having already competed well at National C, will be joined by Maddie, Georgie and Vanessa for the 2012/13 season.



Of course, not all members are competitively minded and it is good to see their skills improving as well. Recently we have introduced a slight change to our floor organisation during training which should benefit the more recreational members and, possibly, give them the confidence to move on into competition. By positioning our more junior coaches in the middle of the training floor other, more experienced coaches, are better able to help them and we hope this will benefit all, coaches and members alike.



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We are pleased to see several of our parents stepping up to qualify as judges which is a requirement to continue to enter large numbers into regional and open competitions. As parents you tend to notice only what happens during training and competing, but there is a great deal of work and organisation going on in the background. We are constantly looking for enthusiastic parents and individuals to join our committee to share the load of running your club. To those who do, a great thank you on behalf of the members & coaches.

*Paul Kitchen
Head Coach, 22nd November 2012*

Fundraising Co-Ordinator Report

The new fundraising team have met regularly and have been responsible for the launch of branded bottles & bags, and will shortly be launching a new range of club clothing (while still maintaining the current style & logos etc). They also instigated the Tramp Camp sessions in school holidays, both as a fundraising initiative and a recruitment option, as they are advertised at local schools. Thank you to parents who have supported this holiday activity. We are looking in to ways of making it more successful this coming year.

The '[Spend and Raise](#)' web-shop link from the club web-site has been promoted this year but we would still like to see much more commission coming to our club from this route, as there are a huge number of retailers that we all use regularly on this site and every time you checkout we could be earning cash for the club! Please use the 'Spend and Raise' link as you shop online!



One of the highlights of the year for the fundraising team was the 'Jubilee Jump' - we secured funding to put the event on which meant that any sponsor money and refreshment takings went straight to club funds AND we all had a lot of fun in such an exciting year for the country!! If you attended I hope you enjoyed seeing the transformation of the training hall with bunting, flags, cakes and games and cheered on our bouncers doing their sponsored challenges!

During the year we also managed to use the Sainsbury's and Tesco's vouchers we collected to buy safety mats, trophies and raffle prizes - a BIG thank you to all of you who brought vouchers in to the club!

Please look out for our future fundraising initiatives, which are advertised in the newsletter or e mail, which will hopefully include another sponsored bounce event, in-house competitions, Tramp Camps, second hand kit shop as well as the new branded products and clothing.

The fundraising co-ordinator also assists the committee with investigating and securing funding for projects and training of coaches. This year Brentwood Localism Share Fund helped us with the Jubilee Jump event, Sportivate approval for Oct-March has been secured, an application for lottery funding for end decks is being made and bursaries for level 0/1 coaching courses have been found and applicants approached.

*Helen Roycroft
Fundraising Co-Ordinator, 20th November 2012*



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Volunteer Co-Ordinator Report

Where would the Brentwood Trampoline Club be without its volunteers? Answer?

Nowhere.

We are thankful for our fabulous coaches and amazing jumpers, but behind the scenes are the real heroes of the club.



We have Tracey Toft our secretary giving a hefty average of over 20 hours a months of her free time (that's half a week's worth of work!), Ange Cremer our treasurer, Nina Gray organising competitions and holiday clubs, Helen Roycroft our fundraising guru, Allison Marshall one of our welfare ladies and the best cake maker around, and the new and very welcome Lisa Sparkes. I can tell you that this year we have the best, most hard working committee ever. Thank you lovely team. You are a pleasure to work with (and drink with!)

We have a great team of volunteer judges: Natalie Shade, Charlotte Hussey, Jan Semon-Keene, Rosemary Bramble, Tracey Toft, Angela Cremer, Carole Watson, Ellie Semon Keene. What a difficult job you have. Thank you for the time put into training and at competitions.

We have a crowd of willing parents who we see again and again at events, pulling their sleeves up to help in any way they can. (I hope the sore backs caused by shifting furniture at the Open have all healed!) A special mention for Marie Merritt who brilliantly organises the food and refreshments for our home competitions.

We have parents who are on hand at the start and end of training sessions to set up and strike down the trampolines and mats. You are so valued! Not forgetting all our members who help with this too – many hands definitely make light work.

A special mention and thank you to our active volunteer coaching helpers – Jenny Haywood, Sarah Cravitz and Holly Sedgwick. Your enthusiasm and commitment to the Club is fantastic.

A club like ours needs lots of volunteers and if you are not involved I can honestly say you are missing out. Volunteering helps us to feel involved, it's good to know we are doing out bit and its great socially.

If you would like to join in please see Celia, the Club's Volunteer Co-Ordinator.

Footnote: Last but not least our thanks go to Celia – multi-tasking with not one but two roles for the Club as well as pitching in with anything else that needs doing!



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Jack Petchey Scheme Report

It has been a joy to co-ordinate the Jack Petchey Achievement Award Scheme at our club.



The Achievement Award Scheme enables us recognise, reward and celebrate the achievements of our young people. Jack Petchey wants young people to raise their aspirations, believe in themselves and make a contribution to their society.

Achievement Awards are designed to recognise a wide range of achievement. It is not just about being gifted at trampolining, but about putting the effort in and doing your best. The scheme works well because young people themselves are involved in nominating and selecting the winners.

We are very proud of our nine winners this year:

Georgia Tyrrell, Olivia Watson, Faith Everett, Amy Richardson, Katie Cremer,
Ellie Semon-Keene, Alissa Gray, Sarah Cravitz and Emma Heptinstall.

Our Jack Petchey winners chose to spend their funding on, among other things: training mats, leaders training, a club video, a trip to Stubbers and the Christmas party.

This year we also introduced a new club award for our under 11 year olds - The Junior Jumper Award. Our winners during the year were:

Kendra Sherlock, Maddie Merritt, Ellie Marshall, Sophie Tyrrell,
Keira Sparkes, Madalyne Allkins and Ramiyah Kendall.

Congratulations to all our award winners and next year this could be you!

Celia Badley
Jack Petchey Co-ordinator, 20th November 2012





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Useful Links

Our club

Club website – <http://www.brentwoodtc.org>

Competition dates – http://www.brentwoodtc.org/comps_this_year.htm

Press reports - http://www.brentwoodtc.org/press_releases.htm

News feed - <http://www.brentwoodtc.org/news.php>

Club policies - http://www.brentwoodtc.org/policies_and_procedures.htm

Trampoline history - <http://www.brentwoodtc.org/history.htm>

Facebook - <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Brentwood-Trampoline-Club/119380642765>

Twitter - https://twitter.com/brentwood_tc

Sessions calendars on Google –

Pre-pay - <http://bit.ly/WFcfCg>

PAYG - <http://bit.ly/WFcgNV>

Other sites

East region trampolining – <http://www.trampoline-east.org>

British Gymnastics - <http://www.british-gymnastics.org>

Star Leotards - <http://starleotards.co.uk/>

Spend and Raise - <http://www.spendandraise.com/brentwoodtc/>

